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August 21, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAMP 13  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION  
SPECIFICATIONS 6508; CAPITAL PROJECT 70971  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
4 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING  
BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Approve the revised total project cost of \$1,639,420 for construction of the Fire Camp 13 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project.
2. Approve the enclosed appropriation adjustment to reallocate appropriation of \$58,000 to Fire Camp 13 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation (Capital Project 70971) from various Fire District Sites - refurbishment of training centers (Capital Project 88708) to reflect the increase in the construction contract bid cost.
3. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and execute the construction contract for the Fire Department Camp 13 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, in the vicinity of Malibu (3), to John Zgrablich Construction in the amount of \$837,720.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended actions will award a construction contract to John Zgrablich Construction, for the construction of the Fire Department Camp 13 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project, in the vicinity of Malibu.

On June 3, 2003, your Board adopted the plans and specifications and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for the proposed project improvements.

The proposed project consists of renovating the 40-year-old wastewater treatment plant at Fire Department Camp 13. The proposed renovation is necessary to meet newly established permit conditions mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and includes new water intake equipment, an extended aeration unit, and a chlorine contact chamber.

On July 8, 2003, five bids were received. John Zgrablich Construction, with a bid of \$837,720, was the apparent lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria adopted by your Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed project meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by investing in public infrastructure and assisting in the effective management of an existing County Fire Department resource.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

#### **Project Budget Impact**

The recommended construction contract cost is \$915,720, including a base contract of \$837,720 and a change order contingency fund of \$78,000. The lowest responsible construction bid received resulted in an increase of \$57,720 above the Board approved bid range. The Public Works analysis of the cost estimate increase revealed higher than anticipated construction costs based on current market conditions. The revised estimated total project cost, including design, plan check fees, construction, equipment, furnishings, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services, totals \$1,639,420.

Sufficient appropriation will be available in Fiscal Year 2003-04 upon your Board's approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustment. The appropriation adjustment of \$58,000 is necessary to reallocate appropriation to the Fire Camp 13 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project for the award of the construction contract to the apparent lowest responsible bidder. The proposed project will be funded through the Fire Department Accumulated Capital Outlay Special Fund.

### **Operating Budget Impact**

Upon completion of the wastewater treatment plant renovation, the Fire Department anticipates a decrease in operating and maintenance costs of the facility.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The recommended contract award is to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives. The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, the amount of the bid received, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of the bid and the original bid proposal for this project are also enclosed, including a copy of the addenda to the contract specifications.

We have developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, so that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contract will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 3, 2003, your Board certified that the project was categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. The contract is being awarded to John Zgrablich Construction who is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and 4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Public Works has confirmed that the contractor is in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contract will include language requiring compliance with Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory performance history, bidders were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by the contractor was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contract.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no adverse impact to current County services or projects during construction.

The project is to be completed in 130 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2003 and be completed in June 2004. Since the work will be performed within Fire Camp 13, there will be no impact on local residents or businesses.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO (Capital Projects Division), Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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Chief Administrative Officer

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cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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**ENCLOSURE A**

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
FIRE CAMP 13  
SPECIFICATIONS 6508; CAPITAL PROJECT 70971**

**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>	<b>Revised Completion Date Actual</b>
Project Needs Assessment	N/A	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A	N/A
Project Program	10/18/01	11/07/01*
Design Construction Document Submittal Jurisdictional Approval	02/18/02 04/08/02	03/20/02* 12/26/02*
Construction Bids Received	08/06/02	07/08/03
Award Construction contract	06/17/03	09/02/03
Construction Substantial Completion Acceptance	07/17/03 09/04/03	06/11/04 08/31/04

\* Indicates completed activities.

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 21, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. P200000305, FIRE DEPARTMENT CAMP 13 WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION (in the vicinity of Malibu),  
Supervisory District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Upgrade existing wastewater treatment plant.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 3, 2003 (Synopsis 58)

BID OPENING DATE: July 8, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	John Zgrablich, an individual dba John Zgrablich Construction Co. 12433 Woodley Avenue Granada Hills, California 91344 (818) 366-2775	\$ 837,720.00
2	Special Services Contractors	\$ 861,698.00
3	*Ecology Construction, Inc.	\$ 897,910.00
4	Graycon, Inc.	\$ 929,500.40
5	Blois Construction, Inc.	\$1,223,600.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of construction budget	\$ 780,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 837,720.00
Amount of recommended contract above construction budget	\$ 57,720.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 7.4 percent above the construction budget.

An appropriation adjustment of \$58,000.00 will increase the appropriation under Capital Project 70971. The proposed project will be funded through the Fire Department Accumulated Capital Outlay Special Fund.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

John Zgrablich Construction has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 130 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2003 and be completed in June 2004. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

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## APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

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### FINANCIAL SOURCES

Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget  
Fire District  
Various Fire District Sites  
Rfurb-Training Centers  
J13-FR-88708-6014  
\$58,000 Decrease Appropriation

### FINANCIAL USES

Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget  
Fire District  
Camp 13  
Camp 13-Water System Upgrade  
J13-FR-70971-6014  
\$58,000 Increase Appropriation

### JUSTIFICATION:

The appropriation adjustment is necessary to award the construction contract for the implementation of Camp 13 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project.

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## PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Proposed Project Budget
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction			
(a) Construction	\$780,000	\$57,720	\$837,720
(b) Change Orders	<u>78,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>78,000</u>
Subtotal	\$858,000	\$57,720	\$915,720
Equipment/ Telecommunication Control	-0-	-0-	-0-
Plans and Specifications	\$ 322,300	-0-	\$ 322,300
Consultant Services	\$ 35,000	-0-	\$ 35,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 10,000	-0-	\$ 10,000
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	\$ 20,000	-0-	\$ 20,000
County Services	\$ 336,400	-0-	\$ 336,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,581,700</b>	<b>\$57,720</b>	<b>\$1,639,420</b>